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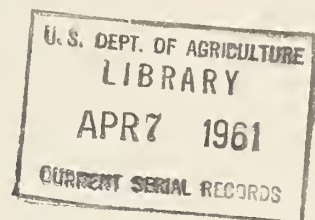
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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR FEED GRAINS

The new administration has already set in action a proposed program to combat the increasing supply of surplus feed grains. A bill has been introduced in Congress which aims to do the following, according to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman:

1. It will assure increased income for participating farmers in the important feed grain sector of our agricultural economy.
2. It will assure the consumer of fair and stable prices for meat, poultry and dairy products.
3. It will cost the taxpayer some \$500 million less than the present program.
4. It will reduce the Government's holdings of feed grains.

The feed grain-livestock complex is the largest part of our agricultural economy. It is vitally important. It accounts for nearly two-thirds of gross farm receipts.

In order to be prepared to set up the machinery to take care of the bill that comes out of Congress, the major grain counties in the United States are now making a farm survey of each farm to secure the history acreage for farms on which corn, grain sorghums, barley, and oats were produced in 1959 and 1960. Since all three counties in Delaware are major grain counties, each farm is now being visited for this survey. We hope the farmers will cooperate and give the proper acreage of each crop grown on their farm.

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CUT IN POTATO ACREAGE RECOMMENDED BY USDA

Acreage-marketing guides recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommend that growers reduce their total acreage of summer and fall potatoes this year. The guides are issued to help potato growers take the guess-work out of planning their production. The program is completely voluntary, and growers make their own decisions as to whether to plant according to the Department's recommendations.

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'60 WOOL SALES MUST BE "COMPLETE" BY MARCH 31

Wool and lamb producers must complete all details of marketing not later than March 31 in order for the sale to qualify for payment under the 1960 wool program. Later marketings of wool and lambs would be eligible for payments under the 1961 program.

Wool will not be considered as "marketed" and so eligible for 1960-program payments unless all details of the sales are settled and the information needed on the sales documents -- including the net sales proceeds -- is completed by March 31.

Payments under the 1960 program will be made this summer when the payment rates can be determined, based on the average prices received by producers for shorn wool during the 1960 marketing year. The 1960 wool program year runs from April 1, 1960 through March 31, 1961.

Producers have 30 days after the close of the marketing year -- that is, until April 30, 1960 under the 1960 wool program -- in which to file applications for wool and lamb payments with the county ASC office.

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USDA TO BUY FIVE MILLION POUNDS OF YOUNG CHICKENS FOR
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman announced that the quantity to be purchased will provide for one distribution to schools participating in the program. USDA will buy only frozen, cut-up young chickens, in weights ranging from 2½ to 2-¾ pounds, without necks and giblets. Birds are to be cut into 10 pieces and packed 12 birds to the box. Only U. S. inspected and U. S. Grade A birds are being accepted. Bids are to be submitted in carload lots. The first purchase of 1,440,000 pounds was announced on March 1, 240,000 pounds of which were purchased from Delaware processors.

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